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SUBJECT: EEC LABOR PRACTICES CODE

REF: PRETORIA 3382 (NOTAL)

1. ACCORDING TO LOCAL PRESS REPORTS EUROPEAN COMMON MARKET
FOREIGN MINISTERS DECIDED AT A MEETING IN BRUSSELS ON JULY 12
TO DEVELOP A CODE OF EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES FOR MEMBER COUNTRY
SUBSIDIARIES IN SOUTH AFRICA.

2. THE NEW ENFORCEABLE RULES WILL CENTER ON BLACK WAGE LEVELS,
TRADE UNION RECOGNITION, DISCRIMINATORY PRACTICES, AND WORKING
CONDITIONS. FIRMS WHICH BREAK THE NEW RULES WILL BE SUBJECT TO
LEGAL PENALTIES IN THEIR HOME COUNTRIES.

3. THE FINAL VERSION OF THE CODE IS EXPECTED TO BE READY FOR THE
NEXT MEETING OF THE FOREIGN MINISTERS IN A FORTNIGHT.

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4. COMMENT: AN EARLIER SET OF GUIDELINES FOR UK FIRMS IS BELIEVED
TO HAVE STUMBED BECAUSE BRITAIN WAS ALONE. THE JOINT INITIATIVE
IS SEEN BY LOCAL OBSERVERS AS HAVING MORE OF A CHANCE OF SUCCESS.
THE TIMING OF THE FOREIGN MINISTERS' ANNOUNCEMENT HAS BEEN RELATED
TO NEXT MONTH'S MEETING IN LAGOS ON APARTHEID AND TO THE FORTHCOMING
SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. JOHNSON

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